

## **ABSTRACT**

Rubber compositions may be prepared from rubber polymers, organoclays, accelerators,  
5 activators, vulcanizates and/or combinations thereof. A rubber polymer may be combined with  
an organoclay to form a clay-rubber composition. The clay-rubber composition may be cured in  
the presence of activators accelerators, vulcanizates and/or combinations thereof. In an  
embodiment, a rubber polymer may be combined with a clay to form a clay-rubber composition.  
The clay-rubber composition may be treated with an onium compound to form an organoclay-  
10 rubber composition. Improved mechanical and/or material properties may be observed in rubber  
compounds containing organoclays.